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**Cc:** [Smith, Monica](#); [Petersen, Chris](#); [Enders, Jhana](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Collision in Houston Ship Channel -- RRT-6 ALERT  
**Date:** Monday, March 09, 2015 2:43:18 PM

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Ronnie,

Thanks for the head's-up. I'm sure SHG has (or is very close) to opening up CERCLA for this response.

Per your earlier email, the HSC is closed. I have heard that local officials have ordered citizens to shelter in place.

V/r,

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From: Crossland, Ronnie [<mailto:Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov>]  
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Mike,

This is an FYI. Our phone duty officer (Jhana Enders) is going to reach out the USCG Houston for coordination. Due to shelter in place, we are going to send a contractor to conduct air monitoring.

Ronnie

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From: Sams, Michael K CIV [<mailto:Michael.K.Sams@uscg.mil>]  
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Subject: Collision in Houston Ship Channel -- RRT-6 ALERT

Good Afternoon,

We just received notification from Sector Houston-Galveston about a collision near Light 86 in the upper Houston Ship Channel (Morgan Point area). The 600 ft M/V Carla Maersk was loaded with 216,000 barrels of MTBE; unknown quantity released. The 623 ft M/V Conti Peridot is a bulk carrier (steel cargo).

Initial summary follows:

- Incident occurred at 1247 CT on Mon, 9 Mar 2015
- M/V Carla Maersk reports three port cargo tanks are breeched & leaking (unknown quantity released)
- No injuries reported
- M/V Conti Peridot damage is unknown; no discharge
- Tide is falling (high tide was within last hour)
- Fog is impacting ability to conduct overflight; USCG will arrange once weather permits



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USCG is in initial assessment phase. I will provide additional details once obtained.

Pls let me know if I can answer any questions. Thx!

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